

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS18296

To repeal Idaho Code §56-1019, SERVICES TO VICTIMS OF CYSTIC FIBROSIS. This law requires the Department of Health and Welfare to pay for services to persons suffering from cystic fibrosis (CF) who are twenty-one (21) years of age or older. This law was passed in 1978 with a General Fund budget appropriation of \$24,000, which was increased in 2005 to \$211,500. In the 1970s, most individuals with CF would not live to adulthood. Medical literature indicates the median life expectancy is now thirty-six (36) years of age, and many people with CF live much longer. The cost for care and treatment of an individual with CF now well exceeds the rule cap of \$18,000 annually.

Due to budget constraints, repealing this law is necessary to allow the Division of Health to meet its budget reduction goals.

FISCAL NOTE

Repealing this law will save \$205,000 annually in General Funds for the Department of Health and Welfare.

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